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### **LOCAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, found 89 elected and 13 appointed officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Tuesday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Yorozu said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public’s interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two warning letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 6, 2002 and letter with an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 21, 2002.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

Government officials from Western Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing are:

<b>David Creighton</b> , City Council Member, City of Ocean Shores	\$300 Penalty
<b>Ralph Rogers</b> , Fire Commissioner, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue	\$150 Penalty
<b>Darlene Kordonowy</b> , Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island	\$150 Penalty
<b>Guy Jones</b> , School Director, Crescent SD	\$300 Penalty
<b>Eric Patton</b> , Fire Commissioner, Grays Harbor Fire Protection District	\$100 Penalty
<b>Mark Badger</b> , School Director, Naselle-Grays River SD	\$150 Penalty
<b>Philip Anderson</b> , School Director, Ocosta SD	\$100 Penalty
<b>Bruce Walker</b> , Hospital Commissioner, Pacific Hospital District	\$300 Penalty
<b>Kerry Holm</b> , Port Commissioner, Port of Hoodspport	\$150 Penalty
<b>Steve Hoffman</b> , Port Commissioner, Port of Tracyton	\$100 Penalty

**Edward Mitchell**, candidate for State Representative in the 26th Legislative District, was found in violation of RCW 42.17.640 for exceeding contribution limits by accepting a \$4,000 loan contribution during the 2002 primary election. Mitchell was assessed a \$200 civil penalty all of which was suspended on the condition no further violations of RCW 42.17 occur for a period of four years.

On Tuesday, Yorozu also levied civil penalties to three lobbyist employers for failure to file annual employer reports due February 28, 2002. Laidlaw Transit, SBC Telecom Inc., and the Washington State Association of Independent Outpatient Programs were each fined \$500.

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